

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

ORDER NO. 89-023

ORDER RESCINDING WATER RECLAMATION REQUIREMENTS FOR:

NEAL SMITH EXPERIMENTAL HYDROLYSIS, FERMENTATION, AND DISTILLATION
PLANT, SEARS POINT, SONOMA COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (hereinafter called the Board) finds that:

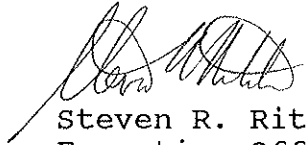
1. Neal Smith (hereinafter discharger) owned and operated a distillation plant for fuel alcohol generation in southern Sonoma County.
2. Discharge from the system, composed of organic stillage that remained after the distillation of alcohol, plus washwater from the feedstock area and equipment washing, was discharged to a 79.5 acre pond onsite. Water from the pond was in turn used to irrigate a fodder crop on the 400 acre property. The discharge was governed under water reclamation requirements (Order 81-50) issued on September 16, 1981.
3. The discharger ceased operations in 1984. The plant has not been used since that time, and the property is for sale. As there has been no discharge or reclamation activity since 1984, there is no threat of a discharge from the pond into waters of the state.
4. The rescission of the permit to discharge is exempt from the provisions of Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 2100) of Division 13 of the Public Resources Code (CEQA) pursuant to Section 13389 of the California Water Code.
5. The discharger has been notified of the Board's intent to rescind requirements for the discharge and has been provided with the opportunity for a public hearing and the opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.
5. The Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- A. Order 81-50 is hereby rescinded.

I, Steven R. Ritchie, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by

the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco
Bay Region, on February 15, 1989.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven R. Ritchie", is written over a horizontal line.

Steven R. Ritchie
Executive Officer